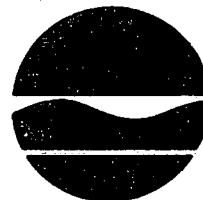


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Dear Mr. Librizzi:

Re: Request for USEPA Removal Action
Coty Warehouse, Staten Island, Richmond County,
New York

Coty Enterprises, Ltd. is presently storing in its Staten Island warehouse 63 drums and 340 bags of pesticides. The owner of these materials is Signo Trading International. Signo and Coty were twice ordered by New York State Supreme Court to remove and sell or dispose of these pesticides. Twice the rulings were ignored by these defendants and the materials are now considered waste and requiring proper disposal. Cost recovery action against Signo and Coty is authorized by the most recent court order.

The pesticides include drums of DDT liquid and DDT powder, drums of dinoseb, malathion, methoxychlor, heptachlor and bags of powdered kepone and calcium arsenate. Several of these pesticides are banned from use in the United States and are also RCRA hazardous wastes. The liquid pesticides are mixed with flammable solvent diluents. The Coty Warehouse is not permitted to store hazardous waste. The pesticides pose a threat to Coty employees, as well as citizens in the community and firefighters who might respond to a fire at the warehouse. The drums are rusting and dented and some are badly corroded to the point of leaking. There are also 91 drums of waste paints that are improperly stored at this location. These are also subject to the court order for removal.

Therefore, I request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) provide funding pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA, PL 96-510) and conduct a CERCLA removal action for the cleanup of pesticides and waste paints abandoned at the Coty Warehouse. For additional information on this matter, please call Frank T. Ricotta, P.E., of my staff at (518)457-5677.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Nosenchuck
Norman H. Nosenchuck, P.E.
Director

Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste

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